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In re Application of:

KLAVENESS et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of July 9, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel withdrawn claims 39, 45, 46, 50-62 and 64 without prejudice or disclaimer as directed to a non-elected invention.

Please replace claims 38 and 63 with amended claims 38 and 63.

38(Amended). A targetable diagnostic and/or therapeutically active agent comprising a suspension of a reporter comprising gas-filled microbubbles stabilized by monolayers of film-forming surfactant in an aqueous carrier liquid, and wherein the gas comprises a halogenated gas or a halogenated low molecule weight hydrocarbon, and said film-forming surfactant comprises a phospholipid, and